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Christine & Martha Smith

Box 888

M.S. C. W.

Columbus, Miss—

Dear Christine & Martha Sunday night

I'm afraid I'm not going to be able to write you a very good letter tonight (like I usually do) as I'm sick - I was sick all night last night. Daddy was up boiling water and doctoring me at 2:30 this morning. Of course I wasn't able to go to church today so the Bishop came over to see me this afternoon. I won't go tonight either as I'm not equal to it. Bernice said there was no one to play at D.D. and Ora B. played for church. I flatter my self into wondering what they'd do if I were to die or move off. Christine you're saying "Oh! they'd get along ok" - maybe so.

Bernice and Charlie spent the night with Mary at Bruce Friday night. They said they had a very good time. Mary boards at the hotel - next Sunday they're planning to go to Shiloh Park and muscle shoals with Bud Burnett. Mary and I don't know who else. They are going to leave Bruce about 3 o'clock.

Bernice got most of her money from Webster Co. She got her a real pretty ^{brown} dress at Gordon's for \$12.10 also shoes & purse. She hasn't found her a brown hat yet. The dress is trimmed in gold buttons and has a gold cord very classy and beautiful material. Bernice is gone now with Charlie to Bruce to carry my books. I guess she's at the league now. I guess

They will quit having the league for awhile as Martha H. is going to board at C. City from now on and theres nobody much to get up a program.

Martha H. has just come in and she and Bernice have decided to leave off having the league for awhile. They are going on to church in a minute. - Martha H. said she had got a \$10.00 raise so I suppose she is getting \$35.00 now. She says she likes her work and is going to board with her Aunt June.

Mr. Shannon has a new housekeeper, a Mrs. Delaney a real nice woman, a methodist and a good church worker. We're mighty glad she's here as we need her.

We had the church pians moved to Kathryn Norton's. I guess Mrs. Wasson is good and mad because you know she expected to keep the pians. Mary Isaac came up to see me and wanted to keep the pians as Loretta is going to take music. We decided we'd put it where there were no children. I guess we'll have the Missionary Society at Kathryn's all the time now.

Clara said the parsonage walls look pretty since they have the new paper on. I guess Warren and Mary will like soon have it looking nice.

Loid & Less are still separated. He says he never intends living with her any more. I'm sure they'll get back together sooner or later. This I'll send you all the Montreal Herald so you can read Bro. Breland's column.

It should be just like a letter from home. Pauline & Bessie, Mary Betty and a few others put a crimp in those wanting to get rid of Bro B. and getting Cecil. so I guess the old man will be here till he dies. I think Bessie is afraid Vera would try to boss their U.M.W. Clelia got a letter from Jean saying he was to be transferred to Michigan City not so far from Memphis but in Miss- Elizabeth is still in Prairie keeping books for her pa and Dwight is week ending up there. Clelia & Chester went to Oxford this week. I'm sure Leon could not have a shadow of a chance of playing foot ball but Clelia says the Dr. didn't think he should play on account of his leg. he got hurt last winter. I just wonder if he'll stay up there as of course when he can't play ball they won't pay his expenses and Chester doesn't have any job so I don't know how they'll manage.

Dad came home Friday and will be here till after the Lee trial which opens tomorrow after he gets thro here his to be transferred to Corinth for two weeks on acct of the man who has that territory living war musician and his wife is sick in the hospital so he wants to be near her while she's sick they are merely exchanging places for

two weeks. I'd like to go with him up there so I could go to Shiloh park but I can't go. I'm about to give up the idea of going to Annual conference next month too, I don't see how I can leave -

I think Victor was quite surprised to get his job as he's given up the idea. I guess Allen got busy and heaped blame on it -

Gilbert Goss's whiskey case was ~~not~~ called Tues. and he was too drunk to appear - the Judge set the case for tomorrow and told Judge Lamar to have him here sober. I guess he's going to be disappointed tho as Bernice said they passed him near Bruce tonight standing in the road as drunk as a lord -

Bernice has been a faithful attendant at court every afternoon this week she seems to be enjoying it very much.

I think I'm going to send you a little package the last of the week if nothing happens!

I saw Ella & Louie pass today with arms entwined they marched thro town and never did unclosp. Oh! how happy they must be -

The P.T.A. sold hamburgers three days this week and will sell tomorrow I only helped one day but will work tomorrow. I only helped feel like it - they've already cleared about \$40.00 - I think that's pretty good -

Bernice seems to be getting along fine
with her school work. She had to buy her
about 5 or 6 dollars worth of books.
The other day Lou Ella surprised me very
much by saying, "Pauline, James Harold
sure do like Bernice for a teacher." I had felt
like she might resent the fact that James H
would have a class under her. I'm glad
the little old kid likes her and hope he
continues to.

Chris did Chick come to see you? you
never did say I saw a little something in
your paper about planets being connected
with him. I enjoy reading the spec-
Miser Rosie has been cooking for Mr.
Corner during court. I guess Mrs. Corley
is jealous tho he's still feeding her pig -
He calls Miss Rosie, "Rosie" now so I
guess it will all work out to the good
of both parties tho I'm afraid I
won't get any more water melons -
Lou is helping Mr. Lane with a long
pencil run thro her knot of hair as usual
She looks worse than Mrs. Stoddard and
by the way Martha, Miss Theresa saw
Bernice at the court house and said to
her - "Why in the world don't you come

to see me? Martha used to come and so did Pauline when she was a girl". "I want you to come now." If I ever visited the old girl I haven't any recollection of it but of course I know you used to visit her lots of times - I want you to be sure to go see her when you get home again -

Well, I didn't have any idea I'd write this much - when I started but I must quit now and go to bed -

I do hope you are both feeling fine and that everything is running smooth. Joe Shepperd is never absent a minute from the bar this week. He looks to be the most important lawyer up there. I really feel proud of the man. Write me when you can. I may write you a line in a few days.

Be good girls

Love from all
Mother -